

MINUTES
EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

City Council Chamber

4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Council Vice President Berge called the meeting to order. The following Council Members were present: Emily Anderson, Kate Beaton, Emily Berge, Jill Christopherson, Charlie Johnson, Roderick Jones, Larry Mboga, Joshua Miller and Andrew Werthmann. The following Council Members were absent: Jeremy Gragert and Terry Weld.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, May 10, 2022:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the April 26, 2022 Council Legislative Session.
- Authorizing Tangled Up in Hue to conduct the Artist Market on Saturdays from May 28 – October 15, 2022 in Phoenix Park.
- Authorizing Eau Claire Municipal Band to conduct the Eau Claire Municipal Band Summer Concert Series on Wednesday evenings from June 8 – July 27, 2022 with practices held on Monday evenings from May 16 – July 25, 2022 at Owen Park.
- Authorizing Volume One Events, LLC to conduct the Sounds Like Summer Concert Series on Thursdays in June, July, and August, 2022 at Phoenix Park.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting the renewal of bartender licenses for the 2022-2024 licensing period.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of Fire ‘N Ice, LLC, d/b/a The Fire House, 202 Gibson Street, from Kent H. Buell to Julia A. Johnson be approved.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Class C Wine license of Rad Racer, LLC, d/b/a The Nucleus and Racy’s, 405 Water Street, from Kent H. Buell to Julia A. Johnson be approved.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of Longform, LLC, d/b/a The Oxbow Hotel and Lakely Restaurant, 516 Galloway Street, from Kent H. Buell to Julia A. Johnson be approved.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Reserve Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of Red Robin International, Inc., d/b/a Red Robin Gourmet Burgers and Brews, 3005 Golf Road, from Cassandra M. Cattau to Michael R. Stanley be approved.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of Skogen’s Foodliner Inc., d/b/a Festival Foods #2736, 2717 Birch Street, from Benedict A. Weiss to Zachary A. Meyer be approved.

- Granting a Change of Agent for the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of Johnson-Nicole-Kuhlman-Olson American Legion Post 53, d/b/a American Legion Post 53, 634 Water Street, from Larry A. Winrich to Bradley O. Venaas be approved.
- Granting a Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Jessie J's Barbershop LLC, d/b/a The Waiting Room, 1617 Bellinger Street, Jessica J. Bertoni, agent.
- Granting a Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Class C Wine license to Sweet Driver, LLC, d/b/a Sweet Driver Chocolates and Café, 1106 Mondovi Road, Suite 115, Rebecca A. Flynn, agent.
- Granting a permanent electrical easement to Northern States Power Company for part of parcel 10-1161-H, for the Galloway Flats Development.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2022-10, License Plate Recognition Parking Enforcement, Violations and Permit Management System.
- Proclaiming May 18, 2022 as Welcome Back Bird Day in Eau Claire.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Jones "to adopt the consent resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PROCLAMATIONS

President Weld read a proclamation proclaiming the week of May 15-21, 2022, as Emergency Medical Services Week.

President Weld read a proclamation proclaiming May 5, 2022 as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Awareness Day in the City of Eau Claire and calling upon everyone to commemorate the lives of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, help raise awareness of these tragedies, and recognize the tireless work being done to address this serious crisis.

President Weld read a proclamation proclaiming May 26, 27, and 28, 2022, as American Legion Poppy Days in the city of Eau Claire, and commend this observance to all.

POULTRY LICENSE

The City Council considered a resolution granting a license pursuant to Chapter 6.15, entitled "Keeping of Poultry" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire, to Katie & Andrew Strobe, 4626 Clover Drive. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Miller "to adopt the resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

LICENSES

The City Council considered a resolution granting the renewal for the 2022-2023 licensing period of the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage and Class A Cabaret license of Pizza Plus, LLC, d/b/a The Plus, Rev, and Lounge, 206 S. Barstow Street, Benjamin J. Haas, agent; and a resolution granting the renewal for the 2022-2023 licensing period of the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage and Class A Cabaret license of Pizza Plus, LLC, d/b/a The Metro, 201 E Lake Street, Benjamin J. Haas, agent. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to postpone” to the May 24, 2022 City Council Meeting. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

APPOINTMENTS

The City Council considered a resolution approving appointments and reappointments to various Boards, Commissions and Committees. Council Member Werthmann requested that the appointment to the Board of Review be considered separately. No objection was voiced and the Board of Review appointment will be considered separately.

The City Council considered a resolution approving an appointment to the Board of Review. Council Member Anderson abstained and left the Council Chamber.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Miller “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: Council Members Beaton, Berge, Christopherson, Johnson, Jones, Mboga, Miller and Werthmann. Abstained: Council Member Anderson.

Council Member Anderson returned to the Council Chamber.

The City Council considered a resolution approving appointments and reappointments to the Housing Opportunities Commission and Loan Administration Board. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

CDBG & HOME GRANTS

The City Council considered a resolution approving the 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Grant funding appropriations. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

URBAN SEWER SERVICE PLAN

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City of Eau Claire to submit a Type I Amendment to the Chippewa Falls-Eau Claire Urban Sewer Service Area Plan for 2025. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

STREET VACATION

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the vacation of a portion of street right-of-way south of Mitchell Avenue from Rudolph Road to Mitchell Avenue. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Mboga “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution releasing the utility easements within a portion of street right-of-way south of Mitchell Avenue from Rudolph Road to Mitchell Avenue. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ANNEXATION

The Council considered an ordinance annexing land to the City of Eau Claire located at County Road T, Town of Wheaton, Chippewa County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 22-2A (Highway T Property LLC Annexation). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ROOM TAX

The Council considered an ordinance amending Chapter 3.20 Entitled “Room Tax” of the code of ordinances of the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ANNEXATION

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance annexing land to the City of Eau Claire located at Lowes Creek Road, Town of Washington, Eau Claire County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 22-3A (Stewart/Hauge Annexation).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: May 10, 2022

Time: 5:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Emily K. Berge
Council Vice President

/s/ Carrie L. Riepl
City Clerk